

HOUSE BILL NO. 133

INTRODUCED BY R. MINER

BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING AN ONLINE APPLICATION FOR NONRESIDENT COLLEGE STUDENT LICENSES; AMENDING SECTION 87-2-525, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 87-2-525, MCA, is amended to read:

"87-2-525. Nonresident college student licenses. (1) Subject to the provisions of subsection (2), a student who is not a resident, as defined in 87-2-102, and who meets the qualifications of subsection (3) may purchase discounted hunting and fishing licenses as follows:

(a) If the student's state of residence does not offer resident-rate licenses to Montanans who are full-time college students in that state, the student may purchase the following for one-half of the cost:

(i) one of the following:

(A) a Class B-10 nonresident big game combination license;

(B) a Class B-11 nonresident deer combination license; or

(C) a nonresident elk-only combination license;

(ii) if available:

(A) a Class B-8 nonresident deer B tag; and

(B) a Class B-12 nonresident antlerless elk B tag license.

(b) If the student's state of residence offers resident-rate licenses to Montanans who are full-time college students in that state and as long as a drawing for the equivalent resident license is not required, the student may purchase for the same price as the equivalent resident license:

(i) (A) any of the following:

(l) a Class B-30 nonresident college student fishing license;

- 1 (II) a Class B-31 nonresident college student upland game bird license;
- 2 (III) a Class B-32 nonresident college student deer A tag; and
- 3 (IV) a Class B-33 nonresident college student elk tag; or
- 4 (B) a Class B-34 nonresident college student big game combination license that entitles the holder
- 5 to all the privileges of the licenses listed in subsection (1)(b)(i)(A) and a nonresident wildlife conservation
- 6 license;
- 7 (ii) a Class B-35 nonresident college student migratory game bird license;
- 8 (iii) a Class B-36 nonresident college student turkey tag;
- 9 (iv) a Class B-37 nonresident college student deer B tag; and
- 10 (v) a Class B-38 nonresident college student antlerless elk B tag.
- 11 (2) (a) The holder of a license purchased pursuant to this section is entitled to use that license to
- 12 hunt or fish, as relevant, and to possess the carcass of the species taken in the manner prescribed by the rules
- 13 and regulations of the commission and department.
- 14 (b) A student may not purchase a license pursuant to this section for more than 4 license years.
- 15 (3) (a) To qualify for a license issued pursuant to this section, a student may not possess or apply
- 16 for any resident hunting, fishing, or trapping licenses from another state or country or exercise resident hunting,
- 17 fishing, or trapping privileges in another state or country and must:
- 18 (i) be currently enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student at a postsecondary educational
- 19 institution in Montana, with 12 credits or more being considered full-time;
- 20 (ii) be currently enrolled as a full-time graduate student at a postsecondary educational institution
- 21 in the state, with 9 credits or more being considered full-time unless otherwise defined by the academic
- 22 department in which the student is enrolled; or
- 23 (iii) (A) have a natural or adoptive parent who currently is a Montana resident, as defined in 87-2-
- 24 102;
- 25 (B) have a high school diploma from a Montana public, private, or home school or can provide
- 26 certified verification that the applicant has a high school equivalency diploma issued in Montana; and
- 27 (C) be currently enrolled as a full-time student at a postsecondary educational institution in another
- 28 state.

1 (b) A student is not eligible to receive a license pursuant to this section if the student is enrolled in
2 a degree program that is exclusively delivered online.

3 (4) Application for a license issued pursuant to this section may be made after the second Monday
4 in September ~~at any department regional office or at the department headquarters in Helena.~~ To qualify, the
5 applicant shall ~~present~~ supply a copy of a valid student identification card and verification of current full-time
6 enrollment at a postsecondary educational institution as required by the department.

7 (5) Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses issued pursuant to this section are not included in the limit
8 on the number of available Class B-10 and Class B-11 licenses issued pursuant to 87-2-505 and 87-2-510.
9 Nonresident elk-only combination licenses issued pursuant to this section are in addition to nonresident elk-only
10 combination licenses available for sale pursuant to 87-2-511."

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12 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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